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SUBJECT: CTA – GRAZING DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING WORKSHOP

Purpose. To provide information for attendance at GrazeFest, a grazing workshop

Expiration Date. September 30, 2005

In conjunction with the Sustainable Farming Association (SFA) the Minnesota NRCS is co-sponsoring a grazing workshop (GrazeFest) at Prairie Horizons Farm owned by Mary Jo and Luverne Fordbord. The event will take place on Saturday, August 13th. See the attached brochure for additional registration information.

NRCS employees, including RC&D staff, are encouraged to attend, with their supervisor's approval. Supervisors are authorized to approve comp time requests for attendance on Saturday. Employees interested in attending must submit their request to their supervisor and enter this session into their Individual Training Plans in I-Cams <https://icams.usda.gov>.

All travel and related expenses for approved participants will be paid through the state training budget.

In addition to the Saturday session, Jim Gerrish, an independent grazing consultant, will conduct a grazing training session for NRCS employees on Friday afternoon from 3:00 – 6:00. Mr. Gerrish is an independent consultant specializing in grazing land management on private and public lands across the nation. He has over 22 years experience on the faculty staff of the University of Missouri, and his renowned grazing schools have been attended by many NRCS District Conservationists. He also has over 20 years of commercial cattle and sheep production which provide him a depth and breadth of hands-on livestock experience. His research provided the foundation for many of the principles of Management-Intensive Grazing and has given him international recognition and respect as an expert on grazing. He is the author of the Grassroots of Grazing, a writes a regular column in The Stockman GrassFarmer magazine. Field staff can participate in either or both sessions.

Direct any questions on this training opportunity to Paul Flynn, State Resource Conservationist, 651-602-7870.

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